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REMARKS

Claim 4 has been amended to limit the body of the invention having reduced kinetic friction when in contact with air, gas or a liquid, to the embodiment where only the part of the surface which contacts said air, gas or liquid and offers the greatest resistance to motion, has sunken or raised patterns thereon. The amendment to claim 4 is supported in the present application by the description on page 2, lines 20-23 and Fig. 5.

In the Final Action dated June 9, 2009, claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yee, US 5,171,623. This rejection is not proper as it applies to claim 4 as amended herein. Yee nowhere discloses or suggests limiting the drag reducing surface depressions to only part of a surface of a body. As described in the Abstract of Yee: "[t]he symmetrical depressions cover virtually the entire surface of the body."

Withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection and a notice of allowability of the present application are respectfully requested.

The foregoing is believed to be a complete and proper response to the Office Action dated June 9, 2009.

In the event that this paper is not considered to be timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of

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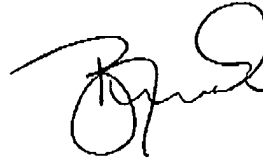
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time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 111833.

In the event any additional fees are required, please also charge our Deposit Account No. 111833.

Respectfully submitted,

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